

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-9 and 11-18 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 22, and 23 were canceled; claims 3-7, 11, and 13-15 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

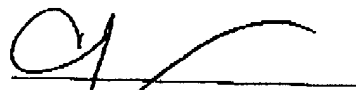
The examiner has indicated that claims 2, 8, 9, and 18 are allowed. By this response, applicant has amended claims 3-7 and 11-17 to depend from allowed claims 2 and 18 respectively. Thus, as claims 3-7 and 11-17 now depend from allowed claims, the rejection of claims 3-7 and 11-17 has been overcome.

With regard to the rejection of remaining claims 1, 10, and 22-23, applicant has canceled these claims. Consequently, the rejection of claims 1, 10, and 22-23 is now moot.

In view of the above, applicant submits that the subject application is in condition for immediate allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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